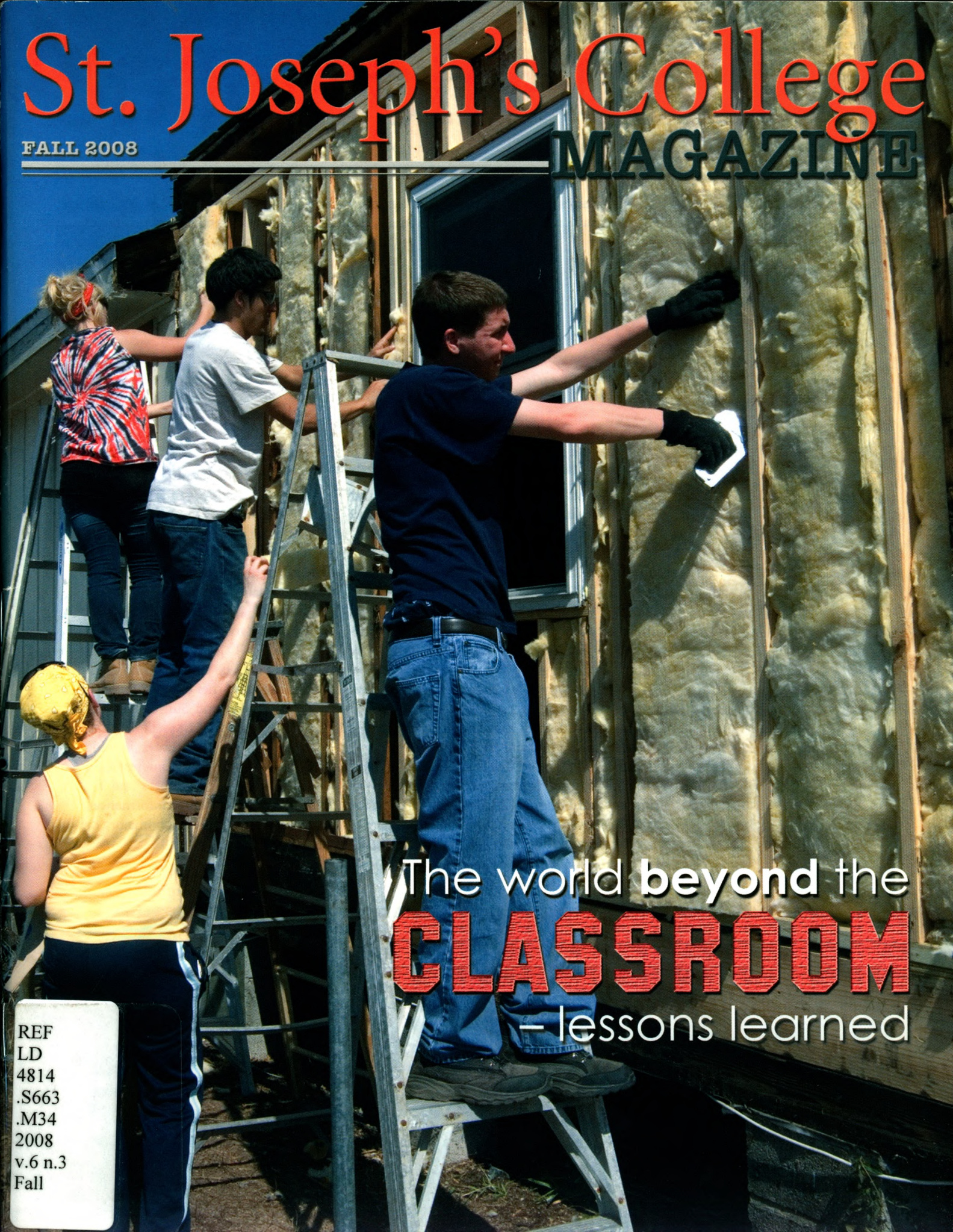


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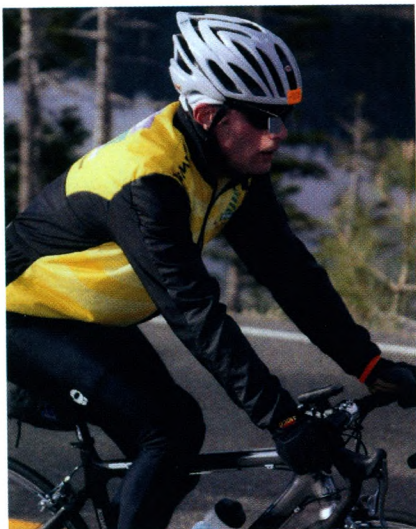
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Biking for Bucks



Jim Saliba cycles for charity.

Although a great deal of volunteer work and service learning take place on the SJC campus, many students, faculty, alumni and staff are also involved in charitable work in their own communities.

Case in point: John Furnari '99 Graduate Management Studies instructor and data analyst consultant, Jim Saliba M.B.A. '07 Computer Associates executive and Suffolk County Police Captain James Fasanelli M.B.A. '06. All three coach cycling for the Team in Training (TNT) group of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society riding "cen-

turies," hundred-mile bike tours, to raise money for the organization.

"In high school," said Mr. Saliba, who has 23 centuries under his belt, "I was the kid who wanted points just for changing into my gym clothes. But later I got interested in this program for my own health and to lower my cholesterol." He had already started running, he said, when he heard about the TNT group that coaches running, walking and cycling. He joined, switched to cycling, and now coaches in Nassau County.

"What's different about us," he said, "is that we start working with our volunteers four or five months in advance to get them ready for a century, a hundred-mile ride. We get people in here who've never ridden before." TNT provides clinics, coaching and will even help a new rider choose the proper bike. "We take them for a 10-mile ride," he said, "and they think they're going to die. Then gradually we push them to 20, and then 30 miles. Before they know it, they're ready to do 50 miles, a half century, or actually ride a full century."

"I'd been a recreational cyclist," said Mr. Furnari, "and then I got a postcard from TNT. I've been with them for seven years and have gone from participant to mentor to coach." Originally

coached by Capt. Fasanelli, he has been a TNT coach himself for two years in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Capt. Fasanelli, a 20-year TNT running and walking coach who switched to cycling in 1999, just finished a century this May in Lake Tahoe, his 27th for The Leukemia Society. He's also completed six full marathons, three half marathons and the Pacific Grove triathlon in Monterey, CA. "Fitness is fun," he said. "I've had a great experience with this Society." Somehow, he also finds time to teach Spanish to seventh and eighth graders at St. Isadore's in Riverhead.

"This is one of the best and most efficient charities," said Capt. Fasanelli. Designated by the Better Business Standards for ethical conduct and charitable accountability, at least 75 percent of funds raised go to cancer research, education and advocacy and patient services. "The TNT group is the largest fundraiser for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society," he continued. "Last year, the Nassau and Suffolk chapters together raised over \$1.8 million."

The coaches are always looking for new riders. If you're interested in doing some good for others and for yourself, or for additional information, go to www.leukemia-lymphoma.org or www.teamintraining.org. ■

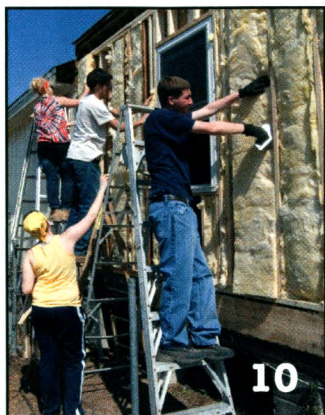


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16 Years in Jail for a Crime He Didn't Commit

By Chris Gasiewski

Prison, Jeffrey Deskovic described, "is one, big, nonstop obstacle course where survival cannot be taken for granted." During his 16 years behind bars on a rape and murder conviction, 13 of which were in the Elmira (NY) Correctional Facility, Mr. Deskovic never lost hope of being exonerated of the crimes he did not commit. He was finally released in November 2006 and has spent his time since speaking out about his experience. In April, he addressed a packed Shea Conference Center at SJC's Long Island Campus.

"I want to exonerate other people who have been wrongfully convicted," Mr. Deskovic said. "I want to bring changes to the law, not just New York State. I want to be the spokesperson for this issue."

Mr. Deskovic's ordeal began with a confession, which he said police forced after seven-and-a-half hours of interrogation. It was the deciding factor during his trial, despite DNA evidence to the contrary. At just 17, he was sentenced to 15 years to life for the rape and murder of a high school classmate.

Years later, parole seemed to be his only path to freedom. But there were stipulations. Mr. Deskovic said he had to admit to the crime, provide details and take a sex offender course. He refused, saying, "I couldn't find myself saying that I did the disgusting things that I had never done."

While still hoping for parole, which was ultimately denied, Mr. Deskovic simultaneously appealed the verdict in various courts, even attempting to take it to the U.S. Supreme Court. However, the Supreme Court



Jeffrey Deskovic

hears only a limited number of cases each year, and Mr. Deskovic's was not selected. Options were running out, and if it weren't for the Innocence Project, a non-profit organization that has assisted in 215 exonerations through DNA testing, Mr. Deskovic would still be in prison.

He's made the best of his freedom, though he said the initial feeling was "disorienting." Putting his life back together also has been difficult. He hasn't been able to find a regular job, so he is using his prison experience to earn a living. So far he has made more than 40 presentations nationwide, written more than 30 newspaper articles, lobbied lawmakers and obtained a scholarship and subsequent bachelor's degree from Mercy College. He also has applied to several law schools.

"I want to live as much of an enjoyable life as I can," Mr. Deskovic said. "If I were to be angry or bitter then I would not be able to do that." ■

Claudia Mirzaali

St. Joseph's College Wins Communication Awards



Publications team: (l-r) Senior Writer Chris Gasiewski, Assistant Director for Photography Claudia Mirzaali, Editorial Director Maryanne Renz, Executive Director for Print and Digital Communications Kas Carey, Graphic Designer Maria Stone LaSpina and Associate Art Director Stephanie Collura.

The St. Joseph's College publication department in the Office of Institutional Advancement has won industry awards in two different programs.

The College received nine Hermes Creative Awards, including three platinum, three gold and three honorable mentions for achievements in the communication profession. At the 14th Annual

Communicator Awards, SJC also received several Awards of Excellence for exceeding industry standards in quality and design.

"St. Joseph's College strives to raise the standards of excellence for its print and digital communications by continually evaluating its practices and the creative process that goes into producing award-winning publications," said Kathleen Carey, executive

director of print and digital communications. "We are extremely proud of our publications and look forward to competing in future award programs that recognize the hard work and dedication of communication professionals all over the world."

The College's Enrollment Guides for both its Long Island and Brooklyn campuses were each awarded a prestigious Gold Communicator Award for overall design, while the 2006-07 President's Report, Spring 2007 *St. Joseph's College Magazine* and 2007 Golf Tournament invitation won Silver Communicator Awards for design. SJC beat several colleges, including Louisiana State University, Loyola College, Stanford Law School and the School of Visual Arts, as well as companies such as T. Rowe Price, Toyota, Allstate and Samsung.

For the Hermes Awards, SJC competed against other higher education institutions, including Purdue University, University of Texas, Penn State University and Ohio State University, as well as industry leaders such as Office Max, Marriott and Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. ■

New Partnership with Long Island Railroad

As evidence of its commitment to educate professionals at the corporate level, SJC partnered with the Long Island Railroad to offer courses in its Graduate Management Studies program this spring. The courses are available to railroad employees only.

"It works the same as on campus," Associate Director of Professional and Graduate Admissions Theresa Saladino said. "It's all done on site and they [courses] are personalized just like on campus."

LIRR students also can take courses on either of SJC's campuses

or online. Dr. Eileen Jahn taught the program's foundation course, Leadership and Managerial Development, to 22 LIRR employees at the railroad's Hillside facility last spring. This semester, Diane Pfadenhauer, Esq., will teach Legal Issues in Management.

The off-campus venture is the second for GMS, which began educating employees of the Catholic Health System in the fall of 2007 at Good Samaritan Hospital. Fourteen students enrolled in the foundation course that semester, and the program offered its graduate law

course last spring. Organizational Theory and Design will be available this semester.

SJC won out over schools like Stony Brook University, Adelphi and Hofstra to partner with Good Samaritan Hospital. While that marked SJC's initial venture, Ms. Saladino said that others are possible.

"It's just the beginning," she said. "It's new for us. It took a lot of work from [Director of Graduate Management Studies] Mary Chance. We are all excited, and I'm looking to expand to other corporate areas." ■

S. Mary Maier Retirement



Richard Slattery

S. Mary Maier, Ph.D., retired this spring after teaching at the College for 34 years.

This spring, SJC bid farewell to one of the most beloved faces at the Brooklyn Campus—S. Mary Maier, C.S.J., Ph.D., who retired from the faculty after 34 years.

S. Mary distinguished herself through her teaching and many accomplishments. But it was her students that mattered most.

"I have been present at many [of their] weddings, baptisms, birthday parties and other important life events," she said.

Among her many accomplishments, S. Mary received grants for summer programs in science education from 15 colleges and corporations. She was honored by 10 scientific organizations, including the American Chemical Society, which issued her the Outstanding Service Award in 1994. The former Nation-

al Science Foundation fellow also wrote seven chemistry-related books, several articles for the *Journal of Chemical Education* and presented eight scientific papers at conventions and conferences.

"We would like to clone her because she has been such a valuable part of our recruitment effort," said S. Margaret Buckley, C.S.J., Ed.D., academic dean of the School of Arts and Sciences in Brooklyn.

In 1985, S. Mary was promoted to Department of Physical Sciences chair. She remained in that role until her retirement, and she will work part time at the College, teaching the Ascent of Man humanities course while continuing to run Experiences in Scientific Research, a Saturday program for high school students. ■

S. Elizabeth A. Hill in the Recording Studio



President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D. recorded her first radio commercials for the College. They feature student success stories and are currently running on 1010 WINS.

Immigration Solidarity Day



Claudia Mirzaali

Students, faculty and alumni painted a mural during Immigration Solidarity Day, a Long Island Campus event of films, music, food, lectures and peaceful protest against anti-immigration legislation.

Danzi Celebrates 11th Year

In April, students, faculty and staff enjoyed an event-packed afternoon during the 11th John A. Danzi Athletic Center celebration. The annual event has commemorated the 48,250-square-foot facility since it opened in 1997.

"It's not just a celebration of the athletic center, but [a way] to get people involved and use the athletic center," said Priscilla Castellano '93, facilities manager. "Every year, we add cardio equipment. We are adding more physical education classes. We need more involvement with the students."

This year's event saw an increase in student participation, but Ms. Castellano said she hopes more alumni will use the facility regularly. ■

Tea Ceremony



At Common Hour on the Long Island Campus, Ken Lo, Chinese Tea Master, introduced his audience to the tea culture and scholar-artist life of the Ming dynasty.

Claudia Mirzaali

College for Every Student

Unfortunately, not all kids think about going to college. They don't all assume it will be an option.

However, with active participation in CFES, College For Every Student, Dr. Susan Straut-Collard and SJC students at the Brooklyn Campus are doing their best to change those assumptions.

"The goal of the Vermont-based CFES," said Professor Straut-Collard, "is to partner colleges with school minority or underserved populations and open up the world of college to them, show them that it's not just a possibility, it's a must."

In September '07, Dr. Straut-Collard and SJC started working with Beginning With Children, a Williamsburg Brooklyn charter school for grades six through eight. "We've brought 150 students to SJC,

one grade at a time. They got the complete admissions tour, then lunch here, and they had a chance to attend some Council for the Arts projects, including theater and dance groups," she said.

For the most part these children will be the first in their family to attend college. "The goal is not necessarily to enroll students at SJC, but to expose them to college life and show them there are opportunities for them. Early college awareness," said Dr. Straut-Collard, "it's never too soon to start exposing these kids to their options and opportunities."

"I was most impressed with our college students here who got involved," she continued. "Adam Mace '08, Christian Jocelyn '09, Christian Branch '09 and Cassandra

Seide '08 went with me to talk to the middle schoolers about the college experience. They absolutely rose to the occasion. They were all in student government, and with one exception, not child study majors.

"They then invited the children, who want to start their own student government, to an SJC student government meeting so they could see how it functioned and get some ideas for their own school SGA." St. Joseph's students, she said, also plan on helping the children start a drama group.

Dr. Straut-Collard has been involved with the Beginning with Children charter school for 12 years, having enrolled her own children there. CFES, she noted, was formerly known as FES, Foundation for Excellent Schools. ■

SJC's Vision for the Next Decade

The Strategic Planning Committee, composed of 25 administrators and faculty from all divisions and both campuses which has been meeting monthly, has identified five specific goals for the College. According to Vice President for Planning and School of Professional and Graduate Studies Dean Thomas Travis, Ph.D., five task forces within the committee are charged with implementing these goals and strategies: successfully guide the College's evolution within shifting economic, demographic and societal needs; strengthen the College through academic excellence; excel in student centeredness; uniquely position the College through community partnerships; enhance values-based education.

According to Dr. Travis, S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., was instrumental in developing these goals, with the process being guided by the Napa Group educational consultants.

"We wanted to get an across-the-board influx of new ideas and creativity" he said, "to include everyone. We're looking for input and involvement. We'll eventually meet with the board of trustees as well as representatives of the student body and alumni. This is a three-to-five year plan that will set the vision of the College for the next 10 years. The plan should be approved and in place by fall 2009."

In all instances, assessment, diversity, increased College collaboration and alumni engagement will be considered. ■

College to Welcome Pete Hamill



Pete Hamill

Aclaimed novelist, essayist and journalist Pete Hamill will be this year's guest speaker in the College's Fifth Annual Presidential Lecture Series.

On October 7 at 12:30 p.m., Mr. Hamill will speak to the College community in Brooklyn, and he will make a 7:30 p.m. public presentation in the D'Ecclesiis Auditorium on the Long Island Campus.

A native of Brooklyn, Mr. Hamill attended Mexico City College on the GI Bill of Rights, studying painting and writing, and later attended Pratt Institute. After working as a graphic designer for several years, he joined the *New York Post* as a reporter in 1960, beginning a long and illustrious career in journalism. He was a columnist for the *New York Post*, the *New York Daily News*, *New York Newsday*, *The Village Voice*, *Esquire*, *New York* magazine and editor-in-chief at both the *Post* and the *Daily News*.

During the past 40 years Mr. Hamill has covered everything from wars in Vietnam and Northern Ireland to murders, art, immigration and the events of September 11.

Besides movie and TV scripts, he has published nine novels—including several *New York Times* bestsellers—and two collections of short stories. ■

SJC Hosts Troop Deployment Ceremony



Richard Slattery

A Black Hawk helicopter landed in the outfield of Gregg Alfano Field on May 31 during a farewell ceremony for troops of the 3rd Battalion, 142nd Aviation. They arrived in Fort Sill, OK for training before being deployed to Iraq on June 6.

“Converging on the Eye of God”

Dr. David Seppala-Holtzman calls Francisco Rangel “the ideal version of a student.” Passionate, dedicated and intellectually curious, the '08 SJC graduate has excelled in many subjects.

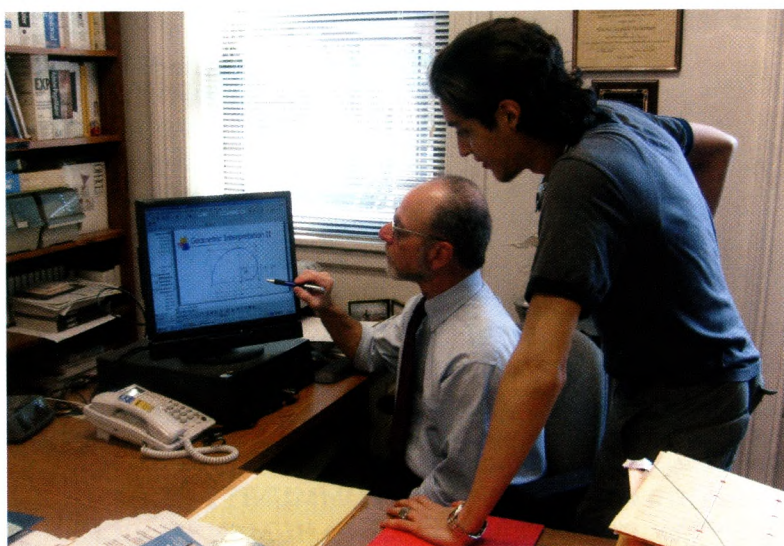
“He’s just an interested student,” said Dr. Seppala-Holtzman, professor and chair of SJC’s Department of Mathematics. “He’s interested in various things and goes to faculty members about them. Good students tend to be grade-oriented. Francisco is just generally motivated.”

Motivation turned into a mathematical discovery during Mr. Rangel’s undergraduate studies at the Brooklyn Campus, where he was a double major in accounting and business administration. His findings led to research with Dr. Seppala-Holtzman, “Converging on the Eye of God,” which will be published in the NCTM journal *Mathematics Teacher*.

The two continued their research last spring as part of an independent project to fulfill Mr. Rangel’s mathematics minor. They were hoping to simplify their previous results for a second publication.

Since freshman year, Mr. Rangel visited Dr. Seppala-Holtzman’s office often, consistently winning the professor’s “Problem of the Month” contest. But Mr. Rangel’s discovery and subsequent research with Dr. Seppala-Holtzman really began during the fall of 2006.

“One of the assignments I had given him led him to read and report on a book dealing with the Golden Ratio and the Fibonacci



Samantha Saines

Department of Mathematics Chair Dr. David Seppala-Holtzman (left) and former student Francisco Rangel will publish their research “Converging on the Eye of God” in an issue of the NCTM journal Mathematics Teacher.

numbers,” said Dr. Seppala-Holtzman, who received the Metro New York Section of the Mathematical Association of America’s Distinguished Teaching Award in May. “This is well-known to mathematicians to be very fertile ground, chock full of wonderful relationships and properties. The surprise came when he reported some new findings that he had made while preparing his paper.”

Using a spreadsheet, a rather unconventional means for mathematicians, Mr. Rangel discovered that a number of stable quotients converged to the coordinates of the Eye of God, which exists inside a Golden Rectangle. He presented it to Dr. Seppala-Holtzman, and the two began their research, which they completed in the spring of 2007. A PowerPoint presentation displaying

their findings can be found at Dr. Seppala-Holtzman’s Web site: faculty.sjcny.edu/~holtzman. (Follow the Downloads link.)

So how does an accounting student who was hired as an internal auditor at MetLife make such a discovery? Perhaps it’s his hunger for knowledge.

“I’ve always had an inquisitive mind,” Mr. Rangel said. “I like to discern things and always try to find out how things work. It [intellectual curiosity] has always defined me since I was young.”

That intellectual curiosity was evident during his time at St. Joseph’s and Mr. Rangel didn’t rule out returning for a master’s degree.

“Down the line, I am thinking of getting an M.B.A. or entering another graduate program,” he said. “I’m keeping that flexible.” ■



Child Study Professor Dr. Jill Levin formed a partnership with AHRC Educare Center in Bohemia. As part of Summer Session I, students in her CS308 course became mentors during AHRC's Special Olympics. The students helped preschoolers and kindergartners needing wheelchairs and supported children with physical disabilities, so they could participate in all Olympic activities. Pictured: Child Study major Waylon Laird (left) assists a student.

BIOLOGY

Dr. Tetyana Delaney visited the Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics in Kiev, Ukraine, to develop collaborative research in molecularly imprinted receptors formation, characterization and application.

CHILD STUDY

Dr. Jill Gelormino and **Dr. Joan Silver** presented their research on "Political and Global Awareness and Perceptions of Elementary School Children" at the International Global Studies Awareness Conference.

Dr. Wendy Hope was a Scholar in Residence at NYU's Summer Program which enabled faculty to engage in research, develop curricula and produce manuscripts for publication.

Dr. Claire Lenz received the Educator of the Year Award from the St. John's Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

Dr. Gretchen Owens' review of the Greenspan Social-Economic Growth

Chart was included in the latest *Mental Measurement Yearbook* (17th ed.) published by the Buros Institute.

Dr. Renee White-Clark (Child Study), **Dr. Maria DiCarlo** and **S. Nancy Gilchrist Ed.D.** (Education Department) presented "Learner-Centered Approaches—Constructivism in the College Classroom," at the Teaching Professor 2008 Conference.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Dr. Dorothy Kelly served in a People to People Citizen Ambassador Program to S. Africa this past summer.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Dr. Carolyn Gallogy earned her Ph.D. in Social Welfare from Stony Brook University.

EDUCATION

Dr. Maria DiCarlo and **S. Nancy Gilchrist Ed.D.** presented the Secondary Education Program's reflective approach to fieldwork observations at the N.Y.S. Assoc. of Colleges for Teacher Education/N.Y.S. Assoc. of Teacher Educators Conference.

HISTORY

Dr. Heather Barry researched 18th century British West Indies political culture at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, MA.

MATHEMATICS/COMPUTER SCIENCE

William McAllister published an undergraduate textbook, *Data Structures and Algorithms Using Java*.

Dr. David Seppala-Holtzman published, "Ancient Egyptians and Russian Peasants Foretell the Digital Age."

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Peter Lin spoke on the similarities between Buddhism and psychotherapy at the China Branch of the TzuChi Buddhist Compassion Relief Foundation. He also visited

Guizhou Province with the International Relief Team and was a senior investigator at the 2008 Mind and Life Summer Research Institute at the Garrison Institute.

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

Terri Corbin-Hutchinson (Director, Callahan Library) was nominated Convenor for LICALD (Long Island Council of Academic Library Directors). She was also nominated to serve on the Donna Hoke Scholarship Committee of the New York Black Librarians' Caucus (NYBLC).

Linda Fonte (Professional and Graduate Studies) participated in a panel presentation, "To Offer or Not to Offer...A Portfolio Course," at the National Institute in the Assessment of Prior Experiential Learning.

Scott Gomez joined the Brooklyn Department of Athletics as their first full time athletic trainer. He will also coach the men's and women's cross country teams.

John Keenan (Professional and Graduate Studies) presented "Beyond Your Boundaries-Reaching Out" at the 14th Annual Society for Human Resource Management Coordinator's Conference.

Institutional Advancement (Brooklyn) welcomed Assistant Director of Alumni Relations **Margaret Norris Broda '04** and Grant Writer **Lisa Trinidad**.

Michelle Papajohn (director of administrative computing) and **Andrew Gerstmayr** (manager of systems integration) presented workshops at the Datatel Users' Group Annual Conference. Approximately 20 other SJC staff members also attended.

Mishaun Wright has joined the Office of Business Affairs as benefits manager. ■

Clay Wins University of London Grant



Jane Clay '08

Jane Clay '08 has received a grant of 3,000 pounds from Kings College, University of Lon-

don, to study there for her M.A. in Early Modern English Literature: Text and Transmission. In this unique program, taught in collaboration with the British Library, students work with original editions of literary texts, learning the contexts within which they were originally produced, read or performed, as well as their legacy. The program provides graduate teaching and research training in the production, transmission and reception of early modern English texts, with emphasis on Shakespeare.

Ms. Clay, a former student on the Long Island Campus, discovered Kings College in London several years ago while backpacking through Europe with her brother. "I always knew I'd find a way to get back and study there," she said. She plans to complete her doctorate in literature and teach at the university level. ■

Presidential Grants to 11 Freshmen

Eleven students entering SJC this semester received the Presidential Grant, a full-tuition award to students from high schools that are underrepresented in four-year colleges. Since its inception 10 years ago, the grant has provided a wealth of opportunity for students from schools such as Brentwood, Longwood, Central Islip, Bay Shore, Wyandanch and Bellport.

Candidates were nominated by their high school guidance counselors and must have met SJC's academic requirements and exhibited leadership abilities.

The Presidential Grant initiative is part of the College's plan for diversity that President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., spoke about during her inaugural address in 1997. The grant has been a resounding success since. ■

Honors Students Visit Italy and Ireland



(Left) In the Chianti countryside, students in the Brooklyn Honors Program toured an olive oil mill and sampled local cuisine at a special Tuscan luncheon. They also visited Machiavelli's house outside Florence, the Vatican, Siena and Venice. (Right) The Long Island Honors group, studying Celtic/Irish history and culture, criss-crossed Ireland, stopping at Galway, the Newgrange prehistoric site, the Hall of Tara, the Cliffs of Moher and Trinity College, Dublin, to see the Book of Kells.



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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

by Maryanne Renz

"This is the true joy in life, the being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; the being thoroughly worn out before you are thrown on the scrap heap; the being a force of Nature instead of a feverish selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy." —George Bernard Shaw

With the College's long tradition of community service so deeply ingrained and indeed, as part of its mission, the concept of service learning seems to be a natural evolution here. There is, however, a difference between the two.


"Service learning," said Dean of Students Dr. Susan Hudec who wrote her doctoral dissertation in this area, "is actually part of the curriculum. Service learning helps students to obtain a better understanding of the world. And it can lead students to change the world."

"Students learn by doing," says Associate Academic Dean S. Suzanne Franck, C.S.J., Ph.D. "Being engaged in doing for others is how they get to the core." She brought the service-learning concept to the Long Island Campus in September 2004 after taking an intensive workshop at New York University. "Service learning, 15–20 hours per semester, is integrated into the classroom and receives college credit," explained S. Suzanne.

She's brought agencies like the Lighthouse Mission in Patchogue, Holy Angels' outreach program and the Pax Christi Homeless Men's Shel-

ter in Port Jefferson to her classes. Students choose a service option and sign a contract with an agency supervisor who tracks on-site hours. And since reflection is integral to the concept, students keep a journal, noting problems and possible solutions. "At a food pantry," said S. Suzanne, "one student learned a valuable lesson about stereotyping. She saw a well-dressed woman and thought she was a volunteer, when in fact she was looking for food. And a scruffy-looking person she thought needed food was a volunteer. Many wind up staying on [volunteering] after class. They see that it's how you live your life that's important."

"Service learning starts in the classroom," said Dr. Thomas Petriano, chair and associate professor of religious studies. Four years ago, when he and Associate Professor of Modern Languages Dr. Antoinette Hertel taught an interdisciplinary course on Latin America, they added a service learning component. In March 2007, a group of 20 students and faculty spent a week in Sutiaba, Nicaragua building a house and working with villagers. On returning, he added, students wrote experiential research papers and continued to study that country, with some students staying in contact with people they met there.



Since then, there have been two more trips to Sutiaba, in January and May 2008, when Dr. Maria Montoya, associate professor of modern languages, and three Brooklyn students joined the L.I. group. SJC continues to build relationships there, including paying college tuition (\$40 per month there) for two Nicaraguan students.

Brooklyn junior Joseph LoGiudice, who went to Sutiaba last January, said, "Building this house was no joke, mixing cement with shovels, and a lot of heavy lifting. We had a talent show...when it was over and we said our last goodbyes, there were tears. I will probably keep doing things like this for the rest of my life."

Dr. Judith Phagan, Department of English associate professor, has traveled twice to Sutiaba. "The smells, the sounds, the heat," she said. "There's no hot water, no air conditioning. Dirt roads. It's about building community. Not just for a week and throwing some food or money at people and then leaving. This is an ongoing involvement and commitment. Going there and doing what we did is one of the most countercultural things you can do. It challenges the prevalent Long Island

mentality of material goods. It opened up our students' eyes. It changed me profoundly." She wants to go back.

An analytical writing class may not be the first place you'd expect to find service learning, but it works just fine for Dr. Phagan. Students choose a service area for 10 of the semester hours and then write a reflection paper. "I tell them on day one," she says, "so if it's not for them they can leave." One student who chose babysitting as her service learned that, in fact, she did not want a career working with young children after all. "Writing," said Dr. Phagan, "forces the reflection."

Assistant to the Dean for Academic Advisement in the School of Professional and Graduate Studies on L.I., Mary Herold, teaches Community Service Learning, which meets on site and online, requiring 30 hours of service in a 14-week semester. "It's about getting your hands dirty. In my course," she says, "you must work with an oppressed population. In community service, you work *for* someone. In service learning you work *with* someone. Students must keep a journal of reflective writing," she added, "looking deeper into what they

Extreme Makeover in New Orleans

By Chris Gasiewski



Doug Cornwell, a student in SJC's Executive M.B.A. program, has seen the devastation that Hurricane Katrina wreaked on New Orleans. Boarded-up houses, churches and businesses. Abandoned streets. The destruction caused by the 2005 storm is still evident despite continuous rebuilding efforts.

That's where Mr. Cornwell pitched in. Alure Home Improvements, of which he is vice president of operations, was part of a coalition of companies that joined *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* to assist in rebuilding Louisiana. The two-time Emmy-award winning television show has transformed homes for deserving families



encounter, what bothers them, what's come up that they didn't expect or never thought about before."

Adjunct Crystal Harris, who teaches the Brooklyn course said, "So many are involved in their own churches, in tutoring programs, civic associations. They have full-time jobs, take 12 credits, they're parents. They amaze me." She matches them with programs like the Weill Medical College of Cornell University HIV adolescent prevention; St. John's Bread and Life (mobile soup kitchen, legal aid, counseling, medical and housing help); Brooklyn Head Start.

Working with Head Start Community Parenting (disabled or mentally challenged pre-schoolers and their parents) Dinah Campbell '08, who took the Brooklyn service learning course said, "Your whole life and outlook changes because you're actually in there with them. Doing. You're getting one-on-one experience. I kept a journal on everything I did; everyone I worked with and then everyone I came in contact with evaluated me at the end. Sometimes you forget there are people worse off than you. So the question becomes what can you do,

in a small way, to let people know that someone cares about them and what they're going through."

Service is also at the heart of the freshman humanities course taught by Marian Russo, L.I. director of Co-Curricular Programs. "Students have to put in at least eight hours of service," she said. "This is part of their mission at St. Joseph's. Especially since we're a commuter school, you need to feel involved, and this is how you do it. Working together on a project."

Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Dr. Diane Sherlip's Group Dynamics course on both campuses includes a community service project. "Students work in groups," she said. "They've raised money for a hospital, collected supplies for battered women, brought Thanksgiving dinner to a homeless shelter, with S. Elizabeth carving the turkey."

Some students do receive course credit for service learning, but additionally, the amount of volunteerism and community service at the College, on both campuses by students, faculty and staff, is truly amazing. By

since 2003. Last March, Mr. Cornwell, Alure and the *Extreme Makeover* team reconstructed a home in Westwego, LA, a city just outside of New Orleans. The show, which aired on May 18, also featured the rebuilding of Noah's Ark Missionary Baptist Church in downtown New Orleans.

"It's amazing what's *not* going on down there," said Mr. Cornwell, who will finish SJC's E.M.B.A. program this semester. "It's virtually a ghost town. People moved out and are not going back. Different areas (of New Orleans) are in different states. They have areas where houses are uninhabited, condemned and waiting to be torn down.

"We went down to the Ninth Ward, which was one of the more devastated areas. They've renovated some 2,300 homes, and there's a tremendous amount of work still to be done. Two days after the levee broke, they were under 20 feet of water. You can see the foundations in the ground. In some other houses, there is nothing. Those houses need to come down."

The Louisiana trip marked Mr. Cornwell and Alure's seventh appearance on the show; they'd already rebuilt two homes in Queens, two in upstate New York and one in St. James on Long Island. But rebuilding a home for the Usea family was a very emotional experience.

After pummeling the area in August 2005, Katrina caused \$15,000 in damages to Brad and Laura Usea's home. Brad's mother's house was also destroyed, leaving her and her sons, Chris and Chad, homeless. Despite the damage, Brad and Laura opened their home to them, with Chris Usea eventually living in a FEMA trailer behind Brad's house. But later in February 2007, a tornado swept through Westwego, hurling the FEMA trailer across the backyard and ejecting Chris to the ground. The Usea's property was once again left in shambles, making their story a worthy candidate for both the show and Alure Home Improvements.

"We believe in the cause," Mr. Cornwell said. "We have the ability to do it, and we don't say no." ■



changing another's life, you do change your own. If you volunteer to help the hungry, you inevitably go to the larger question of why hunger exists in the first place. As one of Zora Neale Hurston's characters says, "Yuh got to go there to know there."

During spring break, L.I. Director of Campus Ministry Joseph Bruno and S. Grace Rowland, C.S.J., Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Communication Studies, took 20 students to New Orleans to help rebuild a home in St. Gabriel's Parish. For some, like freshmen Natalie Highbee and Brittany Kilmnick, it was a new experience. Others like Ed Russo '08, and juniors Kate Murphy and Joanna Merrin, had been there before.

"It's different each time," said Mr. Russo. "It made you see what you had at home. The family was living in the back part of the house with just a tarp to protect them. The entire side had collapsed. It's a family with three kids, the mother's a teacher on maternity leave; the father is currently working as a DJ. They paid a contractor to do the work, but it was shoddy and never finished." Mr. Bruno agreed: "There seems to be a lot of that. These guys come in, say they'll do the job and either sub-contract it out or just take off with the money."

"We saw block after block of desolation: abandoned, destroyed homes and two empty schools," said S. Grace. "Driving through the nearby Ninth Ward was shocking." She reminded students that the same ladies who had cooked them a thank-you dinner had lost their homes to Katrina and experienced hardship themselves. One student observed, "When I go shopping I'll ask myself, do I really need this or do I simply want it?" "I think," said S. Grace, "everyone left with more and will want less after their experience."

In New Orleans, students learned lessons that could never be taught in a classroom. Certainly they must have done a great deal of reflection on their own and with their group. Certainly their lives were changed.

Assistant Director of Co-Curricular Programs in Brooklyn, Jaime Vacca-Hoefner, noted that all SJC clubs and organizations include a service/volunteer component. Some adopt a charity related to their activity, like Chapel Players linking with Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, while others like Campus Ministry and Outreach coordinate trips to Brooklyn soup kitchens and visit the mentally disabled.

Clubs on L.I. also focus on service. To name just a few: STARS (work in New Orleans), Campus Crusade for Christ (supports a Mexican orphanage), Locks of Love (hair donations), Habitat for Humanity (builds houses), Make a Difference Day (fair for local families), Keep a Child Alive (AIDS relief in Africa). Sororities and fraternities work with county agencies chairing breast cancer walks and fighting against domestic violence.

The spirit of generosity and compassion at St. Joseph's is evident in the way clubs support each other. Instead of competing for funds, they actually help raise money for one another's causes.

And certainly not to be forgotten are SJC alumni who continue to live what they learned here—giving back to the community with fundraisers, walkathons and other charitable efforts.

Unfortunately, names, clubs, projects and numerous acts of goodwill and service will inevitably have been omitted from this article. To include all would fill this entire publication. And that in itself tells you a great deal about St. Joseph's College, its heart, its soul and its mission. ■

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Golf Tourney Benefits Athletic Programs

Sunny skies greeted golfers at SJC's 18th Annual Golf Tournament at the Plandome Country Club on L.I. More than 100 golfers turned out for a spectacular day on the greens on June 2 to honor longtime friend of the College, Joseph F. Pellegrini, raising more than \$123,000 to benefit the College's athletic programs. SJC Athletic Directors, Donald Lizak, Long Island Campus, and Frank Carbone, Brooklyn Campus, co-chaired the event.

Mr. Pellegrini is CEO of William Charles Printing Company, one of the leading printers on Long Island. He has been a committee member for all 18 golf tournament fundraising events and for all 26 St. Joseph's College dinner dances.

Mr. Pellegrini and his wife, Roseann, live in New Hyde Park. They have two sons, Joseph and Christopher, and three grandchildren. ■

26th Annual Dinner Dance

Be sure to mark to your calendar for the College's 26th Annual Dinner Dance and Monte Carlo Night on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY. This year's honorees are William McGarry, chairman, president and CEO of Ridgewood Savings Bank, and Virginia O'Rourke McLaughlin '62.

Photo by Enrique Mendez

WHY



Eileen M. Daughton '58

***"...Our world
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April 10, 2008

Enclosed please find check #3915 in the amount of \$1,000.00 as my gift to St. Joseph's College. I am a happy and proud member of the Golden Jubilee class of June 1958.

I am looking forward to the wonderful day at the University Club on Saturday, April 26, 2008. My memories of my four years at "St. Joe's" are both moving and vivid. For 35 years, I taught high school English in the New York City Public School System. The fulfillment and happiness my chosen profession brought me is indescribable! And I have to say the success I achieved was the direct result of the teaching of the superb professors: priests, sisters and lay faculty who brought out the best in me while preparing me for my career and my life.

Teaching was always my desire and English was my favorite subject. It was my good fortune to teach thousands of terrific teenagers the wonder, joy and beauty of great literature.

I remember a quotation: "A teacher affects eternity; he (or she) can never tell where his (or her) influence stops!" That thought has always stayed with me.

Without mentioning their names, I can still picture and remember my professors. It is thrilling for me, today, to see how St. Joseph's continues to grow by leaps and bounds. It is a highly rated school of higher learning. How fortunate are the young men and women who make up the student body now. May all of you who are or have been a part of St. Joseph's College live up to its most telling coat of arms—"Esse non videri!" Our world needs the wonderful values that have always been a part of the legacy of St. Joseph's College.

With deep affection,
(Ms.) Eileen M. Daughton '58

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GIVE

February 19, 2008

My name is Erin Waters. I am fourteen years old. This past Christmas I decided to do something for a purpose. I decided that my aunt Laura's scholarship fund would be the perfect way to give something to someone, other than myself. I enjoy singing and acting, and have been doing them both since I was eleven years old. I have a voice teacher, Mrs. Patricia Bryan, who helped me make this project a success. She donated some of her own time so that I could have a really good final product. The product is a CD with eight songs on it. There are five Christmas songs, two of my personal favorites and the final song is to honor my Aunt Laura, whose favorite song was "I Hope You Dance," by Lee Ann Womack. I sold the CDs to family and friends and I raised \$530, which I am donating to the Laura W. Heiden Scholarship.

Aunt Laura is one of my dad's sisters. She was very strong and courageous. She was a great teacher and an even better aunt. She had a lot of patience and was very creative. We spent many "special days" together, making crafts and shopping at Michaels for supplies for her next project. I always enjoyed spending time with her, and now I got to use my own creative side by making the CD in her honor. I know that she is looking down from heaven with pride and a big smile singing "I Hope You Dance."

I miss her very much, but I feel good that I did something that would make her proud, and that I am helping a person achieve the goal of getting a college education. Please accept this donation in her honor.

Thank you,
Erin Waters



Erin Waters

The Laura W. Heiden Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004 by her family to benefit a non-traditional child study major at the Long Island Campus.

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The Eileen Mulcahy Scholarship

by Clare Kehoe



The St. Joseph's College community mourns the loss of Eileen Mulcahy, a dear and special friend. In her estate, Ms. Mulcahy generously provided for a scholarship endowment at St. Joseph's that will grant tuition assistance to students on both campuses.

A graduate of Northwestern University and a Chicago transplant, Ms. Mulcahy became the quintessential New Yorker. She not only enjoyed the cultural cornucopia that is Manhattan but also actively supported charitable organizations devoted to children and education. Whether hiking in Wales or scouring Brooklyn in search of the perfect church hat for her dear friend Iris, Ms. Mulcahy loved to travel. Her curiosity and panache made the journey exciting, particularly for those lucky enough to be her fellow travelers.

The College hopes the recipients of the Eileen Mulcahy Scholarship will live their lives with the same generosity, élan and enthusiasm as Ms. Mulcahy. Those who knew her miss her and thank her for her friendship. ■

Thomas Wendt Scholarship Endowed

Thomas J. Wendt '88 touched many lives at SJC both as a student and a staff member. To honor his memory, the Thomas J. Wendt Scholarship was recently endowed on the Long Island Campus.

Through his dedication to volunteerism and charitable causes, Mr. Wendt, who died January 13, 2004, personified the mission of the College. After graduation, he worked as assistant to the Director of Co-Curricular Activities Marian Russo from 1994-1998, after which he left St. Joseph's for a position at Suffolk County Community College.

"We were very good friends," said Ms. Russo, who had also known him as a student. "I treasured him. He was a true leader and a role model. He was so talented."

The Alumni Association, student organizations on both campuses, and individual donors have

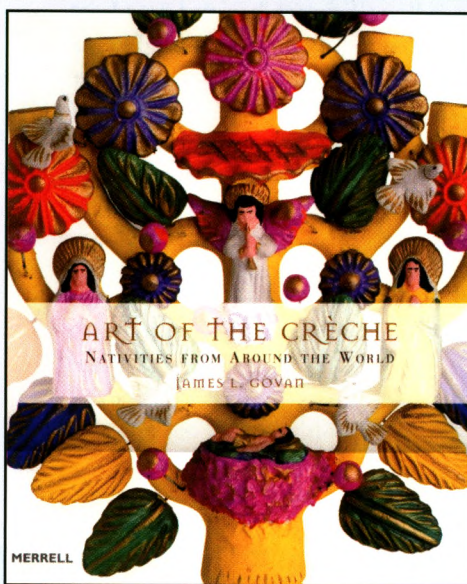
all contributed to endowing the \$25,000 fund. The Alumni Association held fundraisers, including the Walkathon and the Marian Russo Roast, and thanks to Ms. Russo the firm of Heff Jones donated \$25 for every class ring sold.

"Tom was an adored alum that came back to work in student life and remained a big part of the campus culture," said Matthew Colson '02, director of Alumni Relations.

Suffolk County Community College also remembers Mr. Wendt at its annual golf tournament held in his honor, an event in which many SJC faculty and staff participate.

"He had an ability to get close to people," said Christopher R. Carroll '88, an SJC trustee who was also a close friend. "He was extraordinarily well liked, a favorite of everyone. And that has carried on after he was gone." ■

Art of the Crèche



James Govan has published *Art of the Crèche: Nativities from Around the World*, based on his family's collection of nativities. Dedicated to his beloved wife of 37 years, Emilia Longobardo Govan '58, the book's proceeds will benefit the scholarship established in her name. *Art of the Crèche: Nativities from Around the World* is published by Merril Publishers of New York and London and can be ordered from any bookstore or from amazon.com.

\$25,000 Grant for Brooklyn Curriculum Library

by Michael Banach

St. Joseph's College has received a \$25,000 grant from the Independence Community Foundation. This grant, to be disbursed by the Sovereign Endowment Fund, will help create a curriculum library for the child study and education departments on the College's Brooklyn Campus.

Creating a curriculum library allows the College to assemble its considerable collection of child study materials in one convenient, centralized location. The curriculum library also serves as a demon-

stration space for students in the child study program, which will give them the opportunity to practice their lessons and acclimate themselves to the classroom setting.

The Independence Community Foundation (ICF) is a private foundation created in 1998 through an endowment from the former Independence Community Bank. ICF focuses on community development, education, culture and the arts, and economic and workforce development issues in the New York Metropolitan area.

The foundation's assets are directed to addressing economic and social inequities and creating greater opportunities for educational and cultural enrichment.

St. Joseph's would like to express its sincere appreciation to Marilyn Gelber, executive director, and Toya Williford, program director, for the pivotal roles they played in securing this grant. The College is extremely thankful for the Independence Community Foundation's continued friendship and support. ■

\$250,000 NY State Grant for SJC

By Jessica McAleer Decatur



State Senator Caesar Trunzo (R-Brentwood) with SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D.

State Senator Caesar Trunzo (R-Brentwood) has secured a \$250,000 New York State Economic Development Assistance Program (NYS EDAP) Grant for the College which will be used to purchase and install field lighting for a new athletic center on the Long Island Campus.

In 2008, St. Joseph's purchased 24.8 acres in East Patchogue, NY, approximately one mile east of the Campus. Plans for the property include a state-of-the-art athletic complex; athletic fields, an illuminated 400-meter all-weather running track and associated field with a synthetic-turf multipurpose infield; a 1,500-seat bleacher; press box; scoreboard; illuminated baseball and softball fields; illuminated

tennis courts; and a facilities building with restrooms, concession area, storage, training and locker room space. Other recreational amenities will include jogging, nature walk and exercise trails.

For the past 34 years, as one of the longest serving members of the NY State Senate, Sen. Trunzo has also been a dedicated supporter of St. Joseph's College, securing more than \$700,000 in funding from New York State for a wide range of projects. Most recently, he secured a \$30,000 Senate Member Initiative Grant for video conference rooms upgrades on the College's Long Island Campus. The NYS EDAP Grant is the largest Sen. Trunzo has obtained for the College ■

SJC STUDENTS AT



THE CONVENTIONS

by Chris Gasiewski

As the presidential election rapidly approaches, two SJC students have returned to campus with clearer insight and knowledge of the candidates.

Nicole Ann Guliano, a junior sociology major in Brooklyn, and Long Island junior Jennifer Grunenberg recently attended the Democratic and Republican National Conventions respectively. Selected by SJC's faculty, they were among approximately 500 students participating in a two-week program sponsored by The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars.

Students spent their first week at guest lectures, panel discussions, tours and field assignments. The second week focused on the keynote address, party platform and factions, selection of the presidential and vice presidential nominees and campaign issues and strategies.

Both students kept a journal and received 3 credits for the program, which started in 1984 when Ronald Reagan (R) and Walter Mondale (D) were nominated. Ms. Guliano received the Presidential Scholarship; she has a strong interest in political science, maintains a 3.7 GPA and is program director for the Campus Activities Board.

"She is a real dynamo, a really talented kid," said Dr. Raymond D'Angelo, sociology professor and chair of the Department of Social Sciences. "We wanted an outstanding student from each campus. The department got together and created a list based primarily on academic performance and willingness to do something like this. We really had three outstanding

choices on each campus. It was tough for us to select one."

Ms. Grunenberg's academic performance was the deciding factor in her selection, although the political science major is just now entering her second year at SJC after transferring from Manhattan College. Dr. Stephen Rockwell, a political science professor at the Long Island Campus, cited her energy in class as well as her written work and analytic ability.

"She's someone who thrives in that kind of environment," Dr. Rockwell said. "The department was looking for someone who had good academic skills, and a good, creative interest in politics. She's distinguished herself.

"We independently came up with a list (of students) that looked like a good fit. Jennifer again stood out and she will be here (this semester). We agreed that Jennifer would represent the College well. She would make the most of it."

Voters, who will select the nation's 44th president on November 4, are concerned about health care, recession, the war in Iraq and skyrocketing oil and gas prices. The race for the Democratic nomination was a grueling, heavyweight fight between Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. A woman had never challenged a black man for a party's nomination. The battle continued down to the final primary in June, leaving Ms. Guliano, a staunch Democratic supporter, perturbed.

"To be honest, I have been extremely frustrated with it," she said in May, when both Clinton and Obama still had a chance at the nomination. "Here are two

candidates that are taking each other apart. Either one of them who gets elected is going to have three-quarters of the voting population against them. I'm praying for a Democratic president. With a person of color or a woman, you have something different to bring to the table. This country has so many difficult problems ahead of it. We need a more liberal mind to get us out of the recession."

Ms. Grunenberg also was very interested in the Democratic nomination, but was pleased to attend the Republican convention.

"This is something that is pretty (historic)," she said this spring. "To have a woman or a black president would be really good for America. It would've been more exciting to see Clinton and Obama debate. Either way, I'm excited because it's something that I've never experienced before."

Only a small number of students do. The Washington Center expected about 350 students at the Democratic convention and 150 at the Republican. This is the second time SJC has worked with the Washington Center. In 2004, the College sent Rosa Ortiz '06 from Brooklyn to the Democratic and Joseph Camperlengo '05 from Long Island to the Republican convention. ■



Nicole Ann Guliano

Samantha Saires



Jennifer Grunenberg

Claudia Mirzaali

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First SJC departmental chair

The Reza and Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion

by Clare Kehoe

St. Joseph's President, S. Elizabeth A. Hill C.S.J., J.D., is proud to announce The Reza and Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion. Endowed by a very generous gift from Reza and Georgianna Clifford Khatib '52, the College's first departmental chair honors the Khatibs' dream of increasing understanding and mutual respect among cultures and faiths while broadening students' knowledge and appreciation for peoples and places as yet unknown to them.

Throughout their long and distinguished careers, the Khatibs have devoted themselves to improving the well-being of others. As a young medical student in Mashad, Iran, Dr. Khatib dreamed of becoming a neurosurgeon. After his internship at Harlem Hospital, he was accepted to SUNY Downstate Medical Center, eventually becoming chief resident and remaining on its teaching staff throughout his career. In 1965, he established a private practice and for 25 years was chief of neurosurgery at Brooklyn Hospital. In 1988, he was invited to establish the Catholic Medical Center's Neurosurgical Center in Queens, New York.

After graduation from St. Joseph's College in 1952, Mrs. Khatib started her career at the School for the Deaf in Manhattan, teaching students with language and hearing impairments, and eventually becoming assistant principal. Evenings and weekends, she helped Dr. Khatib manage his private practice, and was executive secretary of the professional corporation they established and ran until their retirement several years ago.

In 2004, Dr. Khatib founded a clinic in his hometown of Mashad for the poor, including needy pilgrims requiring medical care. The clinic has a full medical staff and provides, among other services, laboratory tests, dental care and medication for indigent patients. Three years later, the Khatibs established a chair at the University of California at San Francisco for research in glioblastoma multiforme, a particularly virulent form of malignant brain tumor.

The Khatibs met and married during his residency. Although Mrs. Khatib is a practicing Catholic and Dr. Khatib is Muslim, they have always respected each other's religious beliefs. Together, they have endowed The Reza and Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion as an impor-

tant intellectual, cultural and theological resource for the entire College community.

When asked why they chose to endow a chair in Religious Studies at St. Joseph's, Mrs. Khatib said, "The study of religious beliefs of different groups is often contradictory, overlapping and similar. Only by reading and coming in contact with scholars can we hope to reach understanding. We are who we are largely by accident of birth. We become who we are by the choices we make. We are trying to make good choices." Ultimately, their goal is that the Chair will promote the exploration of the world's religions with the study of Islam being an integral part of this initiative.

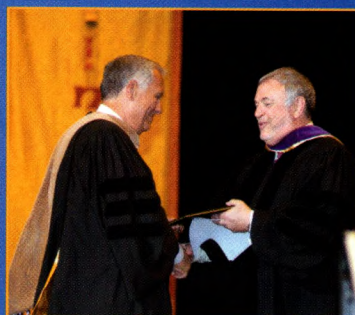
The Reza and Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair will include a major lecture as well as a full-semester senior-level master class to include students from both campuses. Other plans provide for student discussion groups on both campuses during Common Hour and a book discussion group for faculty. During the fall 2008 semester, Chair Thomas Petriano, Ph.D. will work with other members of the Religious Studies faculty to select the inaugural Chair. ■

Saluting the

Photos by Richard Slattery and Enrique Mendez



Brooklyn School of Arts and Sciences valedictorian Andrea Rosato.



Long Island commencement speaker Roger Tilles (right) receives an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Trustee Jack R. Bransfield Jr.



Long Island School of Professional and Graduate Studies valedictorian Patricia Butera with College President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D.

Class of 2008

by Claudia Mirzaali

Amid smiles and cheers, St. Joseph's College awarded bachelor's and master's degrees to 1,325 graduates during spring commencement ceremonies for the Long Island and Brooklyn campuses in late May. The Class of 2008 marked the 89th year of conferring degrees.

Addressing graduates from the Long Island Campus was Roger B. Tilles, director of Tilles Investment Companies and a member of the New York State Board of Regents. Mr. Tilles received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Carol

Enseki, director of the Brooklyn Children's Museum, who spoke at the Brooklyn Commencement, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Valedictory honors were awarded to Long Island arts and sci-

ences student Sophia Perna, Long Island professional and graduate studies student Patricia Butera, Brooklyn arts and sciences student Andrea Rosato and Brooklyn professional and graduate studies student Dana Stevens. ■



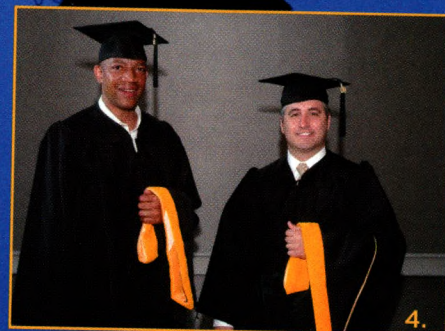
Brooklyn School of Professional and Graduate Studies valedictorian Dana Stevens receives his degree from SJC Board of Trustees Chair Sheila Baird.



Long Island School of Arts and Sciences valedictorian Sophia Perna.



Brooklyn commencement speaker Carol Enseki.



Photos by Enrique Mendez

1. OMOP graduates (L.I.), left to right: Brendan Fullam, Debra Calvito and Dakotta Alex; 2. M.A. in Literacy/Cognition graduates are joined by child study faculty members (B); 3. M.S. with a major in Nursing graduates (L.I.); 4. OMOP graduates (B), left to right: Derrick Avery and Peter Manetta; 5. Some members of the M.A. in Literacy/Cognition cohort (L.I.), left to right: Allison Zaffuto, Edward Ohlsen, and Rachel Ohlsen; 6. M.S. with a major in Nursing graduates (B).

A Year of Firsts

by Claudia Mirzaali

The first cohorts from the M.S. with a major in Nursing, the M.A. in Literacy/Cognition and the Organizational Management Online Program (OMOP) were recognized during SJC's spring commencement ceremonies at the Long Island and Brooklyn campuses.

The M.S. with a major in Nursing program, which prepares registered nurses for careers as clinical nurse specialists in adult health or as

nursing educators, was a response to strong student and alumni interest in advanced degrees. Twenty-eight students were awarded degrees.

The M.A. in Literacy/Cognition, SJC's second education master's degree, builds on the College's highly-respected education program, focusing on the study and analysis of literacy development from cognitive, cultural, instructional and social perspectives. Degrees

were awarded to 19 students.

OMOP gives working adults with busy schedules, both here in the New York area and across the country, the opportunity to pursue a B.S. in Organizational Management which provides skills in management, organizational behavior and human resources. Eight students received degrees.

All three programs debuted in fall of 2005. ■

Jennifer Martinez Concludes Record-Breaking Career

By Frank Flandina



Jennifer Martinez



Jennifer Martinez's illustrious pitching career for the Long Island softball team featured broken school and national records, two Skyline Championships and two NCAA tournament appearances. In just three seasons as a Golden Eagle, Martinez proved she was not only the most decorated athlete at SJC, but arguably the most dominant pitcher in Division III history. She struck out 1,165 batters, breaking the previous NCAA career record by 40. The Bay Shore native also holds the Division III record for strikeouts per game (15).

Martinez finished her career with a 68-15 record, a 0.45 earned run average, four perfect games, 11 no-hitters, 27 one-hitters, 37 shutouts and 11 games with 20 or more strikeouts. She also held opposing batters to a .091 batting average.

Offensively, she was equally impressive. The three-time Skyline

Pitcher of the Year and 2008 Skyline Player of the Year had a career .506 batting average, .939 slugging percentage and .614 on-base percentage—all among the Division III all-time leaders. This spring, she led the nation in batting average (.609) and on-base percentage (.739).

Martinez began breaking national records in 2006, after she transferred from Stony Brook University and was reunited with Al Sciangula, her former Bellport High School coach. That season, she snapped the Division III mark for strikeouts in a game with 21 and broke that record this spring, fanning 24 batters in an 11-inning game. She was featured in *Sports Illustrated* twice and won multiple awards from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. She also competed for the Puerto Rico national softball team that vied for the final spot in this year's Olympics in Beijing.

Her academic accomplishments were just as remarkable. With a 3.84 GPA, Martinez was selected for the *ESPN the Magazine*/CoSIDA Academic All-American team this spring. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology and secondary education and won the SJC Senior Leadership Award from the Alumni Association for her ability both on and off the field.

Individual accomplishments aside, Martinez was the ultimate team player, leading the Golden Eagles to their first NCAA tournament win this spring. SJC ultimately fell to host Rhode Island College 1-0 in the regional final.

Now that her collegiate ride is over, Martinez plans to teach high school biology and possibly coach in the future. ■

Brooklyn Sports Shorts

Baseball Wins Five

In its inaugural season, the Bears won five games, all against Division III schools. Robert Villante, Jon Matzelle and Thomas Gutekunst were named to the Association of Division III Independents (AD3I) All-Independent Team.

Villante also won the Rookie of the Year award after leading AD3I in on-base percentage (.548) and was second in batting average (.460).

Men's Tennis Enjoys First Season

Sophomore Ed Han made the All-Hudson Valley Men's Athletic Conference team, and the Bears took one match during its first season this spring.

Mendez Honored

Junior centerfielder Theresa Mendez was named to the AD3I All-Independent second team after the tri-captain led the Bears in batting average (.326), hits (30), doubles (seven) and stolen bases (14). She played an integral part in SJC's 10 wins and was also selected for the AD3I Northeast Regional All-Tournament team and All-Hudson Valley Women's Athletic Conference.

Long Island Sports Shorts

Presidents Cup Champs

SJC had three Skyline Conference titles, four second-place finishes and three third-place finishes to win the conference's inaugural Presidents Cup, which recognizes the school with the best overall performance.



Theresa Mendez



The Long Island softball team advanced and then fell to host Rhode Island College in a NCAA tournament regional final.

Men's Tennis Earns First NCAA Bid

After posting an undefeated conference record, the men's tennis team made its first appearance in the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament. The Golden Eagles, who won their first conference title, fell to Christopher Newport in the tournament's first round at the College of New Jersey.

Still, SJC enjoyed its best season since 2005 by posting a 12-3 overall record and a 7-0 mark in the conference. Sophomore standout Dan Celentano went undefeated individually and was named first-team All-Skyline. Junior Justin Russo was named to the second team, and Glenn Nathan was selected as Skyline Co-Coach of the Year.

Track and Field Breaks Several School Records

Freshman Jenna Monahan competed for Team U.S.A. at the Junior World Track and Field Championships on May 10 in Russia. Monahan contended in the 10,000-meter race-walk after she

was the first SJC athlete to compete at the Penn Relays, a prestigious national event.

Jessica Ragazzi, Garth Joseph, Tim McClenon, Emily Brandon, Elyse Patrella and Monahan each set new SJC records in various events this past spring.

Baseball Sets Records

Randy Caden won the Skyline Coach of the Year award, leading SJC to a record 27 wins. Second baseman Mike Gerdes was named ABCA All-American and won a Rawlings Gold Glove award, breaking the program record for runs (44) and tied for hits (61). Jeff Coyle snapped the RBI record with 40.

Gerdes, Jon Welsh, Frank DiPresso and Justin Maravegas were all named to the ABCA/Rawlings All-Region team. Ryan Carroll, Mike Hernandez, Mark Cisek, Zack Keckley, Gerdes Coyle, Welsh and Maravegas were selected for the All-Skyline team.

Athletic Awards

Jessica Ragazzi won the Sister Callahan Award for Academic Excel-

lence for the second consecutive year at SJC's spring athletic awards ceremony. The award is presented to a junior or senior, male and female athlete with the highest cumulative GPA. Junior Rob DeMarco won the male award with a 4.0.

Phil Lipari (men's basketball) and Jennifer Martinez (softball) won the Alumni Association Leadership Awards for graduating athletes who demonstrated outstanding leadership throughout their careers.

Softball in NCAAs

The softball team became the first SJC team to reach an NCAA tournament regional title game. The Skyline champions posted a 33-8 overall record (16-0 Skyline).

Martinez, Elyse Quirk, Terri Leonard, Kaitlin Schamberger and Erica Stark were selected to the All-Skyline team. Martinez and Maria Barbuto were chosen for the NCAA Regional All-Tournament team. Coach Al Sciangula was named Skyline Coach of the Year. The team's 33 wins set a new program record. ■

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Alumna Brings Students to Wall Street

By Jennifer Sarnicola '04



Their day on Wall Street: Back (l-r): Brian Lewicki, Greg Creamer. Front (l-r): Brooklyn Director of Counseling and Career Development Frank LaTerra, Thea DePaola, Surbhi Dalal, Samantha Labady, William DeSimone, Gregory Walter, Michael Meyers, Kamil Sadowski, Scott Wright and Brennin Kroog.

Brooklyn and Long Island business students got a first-hand look at the world of business and finance while connecting with some prominent SJC alumni when the Office of Counseling and Career Development and the Office of Alumni Relations held its first "Day on Wall Street" April 18.

Michelle-Lee Cona '02, the driving force behind the event, had observed how other colleges use their alumni networks. "I wanted to bring a real hands-on approach, beyond that of the classroom," said Ms. Cona. She contacted Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations and Stewardship Mary Jo Chiara '69 and Director of Counseling and Career Development Frank LaTerra and they all worked for a year setting up this outstanding opportunity for SJC students.

The Day on Wall Street began at the Federal Reserve Bank with Barbara Yelcich '78 using an interactive exhibit, *FedWorks: Money, Banking and the Federal Reserve Bank* to explain the bank's function. Next stop was the New York Mercantile Exchange where Luke Caccavo '04 arranged a visit to the famous pits where commodities like oil,

gas and metals are traded amid what seems like mayhem.

At Maxim Group LLC, event coordinator Ms. Cona spoke on investment banking, securities and investment management, with other presenters giving an overview of the company and the realities of today's economy.

The event concluded at Grubb & Ellis where Martin Cottingham '99 focused on how economic cycles affect not only employment but also property values.

"The speakers were all very thorough and open about their own experiences in their fields and offered solid advice for current students," said Mr. LaTerra. "Several of the alumni offered to look into internship opportunities at their companies for students, which will only better prepare them following graduation."

Brennin Kroog '09 commented, "After speaking to the alumni in the various industries, I feel duly confident that St. Joseph's College has truly prepared me to enter into the business field."

After this very successful day, both Ms. Cona and Mr. LaTerra plan to expand this event to bring more alumni and students together. ■

CLASS notes

Accepted to graduate school? Getting married? Ready to retire and take that long awaited trip around the world? That's great news, and we'd like to share it with the rest of the College community in Class Notes. Please submit news items and photos either through your class agent or through the Publications Office (319 West Roe Blvd., Patchogue, NY 11772; phone: 631.447.3265; e-mail: magazine@sjcny.edu). Please include your graduation year and degree (B.A., B.S., M.S., M.A., M.B.A.) earned. Thank you!

1930s

Anne Fennessy sent news from the Class of 1932: **Kathlyn Ansbros Wurts** moved from Bay Ridge to California a few years ago to be near her family and still fondly recalls her years at St. Joseph's. **Mary Whalen Phelan** was the heart of the class for many years, representing them on many committees. **Anne Fennessy**, class agent, has kept in contact with her classmates throughout the years.

1940s

Margaret Mack '40 is recovering after several illnesses and battling cancer. Her address is 8528 Aspen Place; Jamaica, NY 11432; phone is 718.658.6778.

Anna Regina Sullivan '40 spent seven months in a nursing home after a fall in January. She uses a walker and a wheelchair and is home with a 24-hour attendant. Her address is 9102 Colonial Road, Apt. 6D; Brooklyn, NY 11209; phone is 718.833.6685.

Jeanne Zebrowski '46 and her husband, Roman, moved to senior residential quarters in the Bible belt.

Rosemary McVarish Latham '48 teaches part time at Molloy College and has 17 grandchildren.

1950s

Eileen Hoban '50 and some of her classmates have made donations in memory of **Anne Churchill Hanley '49**.

Marion Celenza '53 wrote, *Menu Log: A Collection of Recipes as Coordinated Menus* and *The Poetry of Dogs*, a collec-

tion of original photographs and canine-inspired poetry. She's working on *Lunch Is In The Bag!*, to be printed this fall.

Ann Fallert Knapp '55 is a tour guide for the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Her grandson, Max, is turning 3.

Anna Costello Stellwag '56, a retired guidance counselor, chairs the Rockland Chapter of the NYS Senator Action Council, sits on the Rockland County BOCES Board of Education, belongs to Catholic Community Services of Rockland County and is director of the R.C.I.A. program at St. Catherine's.

Audrey Dwyer Beatty '58 celebrated the SJC golden jubilee.

Katharina E. McFadden, grandniece of **Cecilia Baumann Krings '59**, graduated from SJC last May. She is a third-generation teacher.

JoAnn B. Milza '59 spent two weeks in eastern Europe in 2006, two weeks in Sicily in 2007 and hopes to visit Croatia next year. She has seven grandchildren.

Rosalie Tutino '59 is a real estate agent at South Fork Realty in Hampton Bays. She opened an online store, www.obinoculars.com.

1960s

Anne Ryan O'Brien '61 and her husband, Ed, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in July.

Maureen Price '61 is expecting her eighth grandchild this month. She took a two-week cruise from New Orleans to New York, with three stops in Latin America.

Mary Collins Macchiarola shared Class of 1962 news: **Lorraine Herbert Mund** is busy teaching, writing and publishing poetry, performing songs and spending time with her granddaughters. **Ginny O'Rourke McLaughlin** visited Ireland in the spring for a wedding. **Alice Sheridan D'Anna** visited her family in NY in March and attended her 50th high school reunion. Other reunion attendees included **S. Lauren Hanley**, **Judy Kilfoyle Ferguson**, **Pat Jesinkey Palmer** and **Mary Collins Macchiarola**. **Rosemary McDonald Ahern's** son, Fr. Tom Ahern '85, celebrated this year's Spring Luncheon liturgy at the University Club. **Claire Lavin O'Regan**, **Ginny O'Rourke McLaughlin**, **Pat Sweeney** and **Mary Collins Macchiarola** also attended.

Ann Campbell O'Dea '62 retired from the Blood Bank of Delmarva. She has five grandchildren and is expecting her sixth in October.

Elizabeth Williams Auricchio, president, Brooklyn Alumni Association, sent Class of 1963 news: Twenty seven alumni attended the 45th Reunion Luncheon in April. **Catherine Dearie Nygren** said, "everyone was so recognizable!" She loves retirement and was busy preparing for her son's and daughter's weddings. **Eleanor Yuretech Hudson** and her husband came from California to attend her reunion and his 50th high school reunion. **Mary Hannon Egan** welcomed her first grandchild, Conor James. Her daughter, Jeanne, will be married in November. Mary is still teaching. **Dolores Dunn Dorkowski** came from Florida for the Spring Luncheon. She and her

Spring Luncheon Golden Jubilee for Class of '58



The Class of 1958 got together for their Golden Jubilee at the Spring Luncheon Reunion at NYC's University Club in April.

husband, Bill, visited Belize and the Panama Canal. **Deirdre Carlin Ruiz** took time from her Saturday ESL classes to attend the luncheon. **Kathryn Kiernan O'Malley** welcomed a grandson, Timothy Armand, in March. **Patricia Corrigan Koppinger** and her husband, Tom, attended the 50th Anniversary of the Rockville Centre Diocese pilgrimage to Rome last November. **Margaret Byrnes** retired from the Board of Education and teaches part time at Molloy College. She was invited to join the Advisory Board for Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal School in Ridgewood, Queens. **Elizabeth Williams Auricchio's** son-in-law, Jonathan Lopez, published *The Man Who Made Vermeers*, about a famous art forger.

Leandra Barbieri '63 welcomed a granddaughter, Gemma Teresa, last April.

Dolores M. Dorkowski '63 and her husband, Bill, traveled to Alaska.

Alexandra Cyzewski Miller '63 retired from teaching pre-kindergarten at P.S. 34 and helps care for her 17 grandchildren. She recently visited her sister, **Marion Cyzewski Doerr '67**, who lives in San Jose, CA with her family.

Terry Civello shared news from the Class of 1965: Nine members celebrated their 43rd anniversary in May at Tir Na Nog Irish Pub & Restaurant in Manhattan. **Terry Civello**, **Mary Dawson** and **Chris McCullagh Cronin** organized the luncheon. **Maryann Finnerty Zacchea**, **Marge Morrow Becht**, **Nora McGowan Haggerty**, **Maureen Flannery** and **Gerry Iannuzzi Moore** all celebrated. **Maryann Finnerty Zacchea** retired after 38 years of teaching. Her son, Michael, a Marine Corps Lt. Colonel, received two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for his service in Iraq. He has been featured in *The New York Times* and other media for his work obtaining U.S. immigration status for Iraqis who risked their lives working with U.S. military patrols. **Chris McCullagh Cronin** still commutes from Connecticut to teach in the Bronx. She and her husband, Eugene, have six grandchildren. Chris' daughter, Deidre, is recovering from a pulmonary embolism. **Mary Dawson** enjoys retirement with freelance textbook editing, teaching a children's art workshop and traveling. She and her sister, **Anne Dawson Falzone '63**, returned from Andorra and Barcelona. **Nora McGowan Haggerty** spoke poignantly of family struggles with serious health crises

and how support from family and friends, including former SJC classmates, helped her. **Marge Morrow Becht**, who retired in 2006 after 26 years of teaching and raising four children, enjoys retirement and her two grandchildren. Her oldest daughter is getting married this fall. **Maureen Flannery** works for the NYC Child Support Bureau, developing procedures and training guides. Formerly, she prepared exams at the NYC Taxi Bureau Licensure Division. **Gerry Iannuzzi Moore** has one daughter and recently welcomed her third grandchild. She owns an education consulting firm on Long Island, specializing in training teachers and helping schools develop curricula and programs for children with developmental disabilities, particularly autism. **Terry Civello** had hoped to retire from her consulting business, but didn't due to client commitments. She commutes between her Manhattan apartment and a home in Albuquerque, NM. Terry cheered the group with the "miracles" of aging gracefully—stories of her 92-year-old mom's adventures in assisted living. Send your news to Terry Civello, Class Agent (phone: 212.366.0451 or e-mail to terryrose150@yahoo.com).

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Alumna Celebrates 75th Anniversary



Celebrating her 75th anniversary at the Spring Luncheon, Evelyn Harris Martin, Class of 1933, is greeted by College President S. Elizabeth A. Hill '64, C.S.J., J.D.

Long Island Leadership



Steve Birkeland

Lisa Rose '97, CEO of Clare Rose Inc. and SJC trustee, in conjunction with the Long Island Office of Alumni Relations hosted a forum in April to introduce alumni to College leadership opportunities, such as mentoring current students and sponsoring internships. Photo (l-r): SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., Ms. Rose and SJC trustee Christopher Carroll '88.

Virginia Cioffi Daly '66 is expecting a grandchild this November.

Beatrice Mohsinger '66 had a grandson in June.

Helen Heffler '67 recently retired.

Marybeth McVie '67 had a wonderful time at the 40th reunion.

Diane Monte '67 and her husband, John, have three daughters and one granddaughter. Her daughter, Christina, attends St. Joseph's.

Roseann Quinn '69 published "Thomas Hardy and the American High School Student" in the Summer 2007 issue of *The Hardy Society Journal*. The article summarized many of the remarks she presented to the Thomas Hardy Conference in July 2006.

1970s

Maria Carlo Weiser '71 is retired from JPMorganChase and Summit Bank. Maria and her husband, David, moved to Citrus Hills, FL and enjoy traveling and working on house projects. They plan to cruise from NYC to New England and the Canadian Maritimes this month, and spend some time in Santa Fe, NM in October and November. Maria is studying for her real estate license.

Linda Arezzo '72 is in her second year as assistant principal at Brooklyn International High School.

Barbara Hurley Camporeale '72 and her husband, Phil, are expecting their fifth grandchild this year.

Pamela Turzo '72 and her husband, Joe, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary.

Victoria Castagna '74 enjoys retirement from government service and now teaches part time in the Counseling and Human Services Department at the University of Scranton. She is also a volunteer emergency medical technician and became a certified EMT firefighter in the early 1990s.

Mini Reunion in Manhattan



Members of the Class of 1965 gathered for an informal reunion in Manhattan. Pictured from left to right: Terry Civello, Marianne Finnerty Zacchea, Mary Dawson (standing), Maureen Flannery, Nora McGowan Haggerty, Chris McCullagh Cronin, Marge Morrow Becht (standing) and Gerry Iannuzzi Moore.

The son of **Tom La Guidice '75** and **Carol A. Donovan '79**, Michael, is in the honors program at St. Peter's High School for Boys, Staten Island, where he received awards for three straight years. Carol is president of the Richmondtown Clarke Ave. Civic Association and Tom is head of the Staten Island Selective Service Board.

Ann Leonard Zoas '77 and her husband, Christos, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April. Their four children and eight grandchildren hosted a party at Louis XVI Restaurant in Patchogue.

1980s

Michelle Cacamis '81, who has taught elementary school children for 28 years, recently received the Honorary Life Award after being nominated by parents and colleagues in her school. She and her husband, Danny, live in Smithtown.

Diane Pratt Napoli '82 celebrated 25 years of marriage to her husband, Tony. Their daughter is graduating from her alma mater and their son, David, is a college sophomore.

Charlotte McBride '83 retired from teaching in 2001 and has lived in Florida for the past 25 years. She and her husband of 43 years, Tom, have two children and four grandchildren. She travels, volunteers for a hospice and is a docent at a local museum.

Suzanne Bowser Autino '87 teaches in a local school district. She and her husband of 18 years, Mark, have five sons and live in Carlisle, PA.

1990s

Theresa and James Gibbons '92 have three children, Kylie, Ryan and Sean.

Matthew Barbis '94 received the Community Service Award from Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip for his dedication to the Rose Brucia Educational Foundation, which works to reduce child abductions through education. Matthew founded the organization in 2004 when his 11-year-old cousin, Carlie Brucia, was kidnapped and murdered in Florida. A retirement investment specialist, he is owner of Matthew Barbis & Co. in Islandia.

BACK IN THE DAY



Alumni Luncheon-1973

Class of 1923 with College President, S. George Aquin O'Connor.

Left to right: Mary Sheridan Nolan, Agnes Connelly Monahan, Margaret White Lynch, Catherine Lynch Kelly, Catherine Keely, Amy Bonnet, Cecile Cassidy, Sister George Aquin, S. Ruth Willmann F.F.M. '30 and Hortense McGrevy.

Bring a smile to someone's face with some of your SJC memories. Send us a photo with your name, year and a description of who/what's going on in the picture.

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Colleen Kelly '97 married Declan McQuade in February. **Noreen Steffens '96** and **Jill Pasquale '97**, who both live in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, attended the wedding.

Heather Tambini '97 is a senior human resources analyst for the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C. She began working for the IRS in 1993, then transferred to Philadelphia in 2000.

Candice Filangeri Agoglia '97 and her husband, David, adopted a baby, Seth Thomas, from Korea last August.

Amy L. Kelly '98 and her husband welcomed their third child, Emma, in July 2007.

Angele DeNeve '99 is a stay-at-home mother of three.

Kathleen Ilgin '99 married Eric Desbonnet in January. She is an emergency department registered nurse for Brookhaven Memorial Hospital in Patchogue and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from St. Joseph's College. They live in Southold.

Steve Rossi '99 and his wife, **Meghan Harris-Rossi '02**, welcomed a daughter, Caelyn Patricia, in August 2007.

2000s

Kasey DeClemente '01 married Brian Neil in May. They live in Knoxville, TN, where Kasey is an elementary special education teacher in the Knoxville County School District.

Jeffrey Russo '03 and his wife, Alyson, welcomed a daughter, Kaitlyn Marie, in March 2008.

Jennifer L. Bruno '03 received her graduate degree from Stony Brook University and is tenured in the Huntington School District.

Nilda Tejada '04 and **John Karbownik Jr. '04** were engaged last December. She is a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker M&D Goodlife and is also a substance abuse counselor. She is pursuing her master's degree. John is a carpenter and also works part time as a substance abuse counselor. They have a 14-month-old daughter, Jadin Kydia.

Patricia Scalercio '05 and Richard Lee were married in July 2007. She is a fourth-grade teacher in the Bayport-Blue Point School District.

Benedict Tieniber '05 received his master's degree in adolescence education in January 2008. He teaches in the Connetquot School District and owns Most Valuable Catering.

Bryan Gill '06 is pursuing a master's degree in management with a concentration in human resources at St. Joseph's College.

Natassia deJesus '07, who welcomed her first child in June 2007, is pursuing a master's degree in history from Lehman College.

Susan Goldstein '07 is working on a master's degree in TESOL from Columbia University. ■

Don't Buy That Fake Louis Vuitton!

By Maryanne Renz

John Cassillo '94 was a young transit cop riding the Lexington Avenue subway. "Some guy grabbed a woman's purse and ran off the train," he said. "My partner and I chased him, wrestled him to the ground. He's flailing; the bag is flying around this filthy subway platform. A woman runs over and starts screaming, 'It's Louis Vuitton! It's Louis Vuitton! Be careful!' I think the perp's name is Louis Vuitton. I'd never heard of them."

Now, years later, as manager of Vuitton's anti-counterfeiting and criminal enforcement for North America, Mr. Cassillo knows "Louis" very well.

Louis Vuitton began manufacturing trunks in Paris in 1854. In 1908, the luxury brand won a Paris appeals court ruling to halt the distribution of look-alike trunks. A hundred years later the company is still fighting aggressively to protect its products and designs. Now, Louis Vuitton employs a 40-member team with offices from Milan to Dubai focused exclusively on protecting the brand from counterfeiters.

"A lot of people don't see this as a crime," Mr. Cassillo said, "but the entire community suffers in lost revenues that could have been used for taxes and social services. It's stealing brand identities, trademarks." Aside from losing money for the company, fake handbags have a darker side. Besides stealing and illegally copying products, their manufacturers exploit poor workers, usually in third world countries, paying them a pittance for their labor. Even worse, the revenues they generate fuel crime and terrorism. There is evidence, Mr. Cassillo stated, that the first World Trade Center attack in 1993 was financed by counterfeit T-shirts.

"About 90 percent of the Vuitton and other counterfeiting originates in Asia," said Mr. Cassillo, "with strong ties

to human trafficking. And many of these people, who own shops, downtown NY or anywhere, are involved in organized crime." Why fake bags? "Because it's more lucrative than drugs," he said. "To manufacture a bag in Hong Kong and bring it to a U.S. port costs \$1.25. The price goes up each time it changes hands. So a \$5-\$10 bag is a good 'in' on the ground floor. I can turn that over faster and at a better profit margin than drugs. We've been effective in shutting a lot of these places down, especially in New York and California.

"The International Anti-Counterfeiting Commission (IACC) is spearheading this crackdown and represents most of our breaks with the NYPD. You have to go after the importer, the distributor and the warehouse people. In France and Italy it's a crime both to buy and sell counterfeit goods. In the U.S. it's only a crime to sell them.

"It's all about intelligence," he added, "and education." He's currently working with the mayor's office to educate the public. "So what if I buy a fake handbag? So what if this big rich company loses a few bucks? But it's not just about impacting the company's bottom line. It's about theft of property," Mr. Cassillo stated, "and the human misery that's attached to that fake."

When he was in the NYPD, Mr. Cassillo decided to get his degree. "I spent a year at John Jay College but I felt I was getting a cookie-cutter education.

I'd get my card stamped, like everyone else, but that wasn't enough for me. I wanted something better," he said. "I decided if I was taking time away from my family and paying tuition, it better be worth it."

One day at the stationhouse, he saw a flyer for St. Joseph's College offering one-third off tuition. With the discount, it was about what he was already paying at John Jay, so he went to 245 Clinton Avenue. "Angie Diaz walked me around the campus, and before I knew it, I was registered," he said. For Mr. Cassillo, who later went on to get his law degree, "SJC was one of the greatest experiences of my life. I met so many people from different walks of life. We were all busy adults. Linda Fonte would listen to us griping about our workloads and manage to help us out behind the scenes. I got a degree in human resources, because no matter what you do, it's all about managing people. It was Hugh Snow, an economics professor, who convinced me I could go to law school, which I'd never even the thought about."

Although in charge of Louis Vuitton's North America anti-counterfeiting criminal enforcement division, Mr. Cassillo, a former NYPD lieutenant, who is married with three children, also travels to the Mideast and Europe, working closely with law enforcement and immigration. And, yeah, now if someone yells "Louis Vuitton!" he knows exactly who "Louis" is. ■



A Passion for Health Care

By Chris Gasiewski



Jean Gatewood '98

When Jean Gatewood attended SJC in the late 1990s, she already had established herself in the health care industry. Working as a nurse in the first oncology unit at St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center (then St. John's Episcopal Hospital) in Smithtown, Ms. Gatewood juggled three jobs and her education.

Now, 10 years later, Ms. Gatewood has been promoted to director of the Office of Clinical Trials at New York University Medical Center, where she oversees a broad spectrum of the department, from contract negotiation to financial analysis.

"I went into health care because I wanted to take care of sick people," said Ms. Gatewood, who was the Long Island Campus salutatorian for the 1998 January class. "I thought I would be able to take some of my smarts and use them to help direct how health care was run. But I never imagined I could have a position like this. Every day is exciting. I have not been bored since coming here. You are on the cutting edge of research and have access to these cutting-edge ideas and treatments."

The position is the reward for her hard work and undying passion for health care. She credits SJC with jump-starting her career. Ms. Gatewood was one of the first to take advantage of the College's weekend trimester program. After she graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's in health administra-

tion, she earned a scholarship to C.W. Post and later received an M.B.A.

"I wanted to run a small community hospital then," Ms. Gatewood said. "It's taken on a life form of its own. The more I learn, the more I am able to help in many aspects."

Indeed, Ms. Gatewood is living her dream. After C.W. Post, she worked in various areas of clinical research at North Shore Hematology/Oncology Associates and then at Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center before becoming the director of operations at NYU's Cancer Institute. She's also been a faculty member at Healthstream since 2004.

Ms. Gatewood said the NYU Cancer Institute "underwent amazing changes" during her tenure, which made her a viable candidate for her current position.

"The director who was in the chair before me said I would be a good replacement," Ms. Gatewood said. "I had already spoken to them on their clinical trials. We made an agreement to bring this department to the next level." ■

The Big Brown-SJC Connection

Michael Iavarone '93 holds an honor that very few can claim—winning two legs of horse racing's Triple Crown.

Mr. Iavarone's prized horse, Big Brown, quickly became America's darling after winning the Kentucky Derby this May. Big Brown then dominated the Preakness Stakes, the second leg of the Triple Crown. Captivated by the grace and speed of the 3-year-old colt, the country watched in anticipation during the final race—the Belmont Stakes.

But on that hot, humid day in June, Big Brown, co-owned by Mr. Iavarone and Paul Pompa Jr., lost the chance to become the first Triple Crown winner since 1978. Nonetheless,

Big Brown is still a champion, one that brought great fame to Mr. Iavarone.

Mr. Iavarone graduated from the Long Island Campus where he met his wife, Christina Albolote '93, and began trading small stocks on Wall Street. After 11 years, however, his love of horse racing lured him away. In 2003 he founded International Equine Acquisitions Holdings, Inc. (IEAH). The move began paying off a year later, when he bought a piece of Sugar Punch, a New York-bred filly co-owned by former Yankees manager Joe Torre.

Sugar Punch was the first of many stakes winners owned by IEAH and Mr. Iavarone. It also marked the beginning of Mr. Iavarone's journey in horse

racing, which quickly brought him to the winner's circle in two of the sport's premier events. Big Brown also won the \$1 million Haskell Invitational on August 3 at Monmouth Park.

As of early August, Big Brown was second in National Thoroughbred Racing Association earnings with \$3,276,700 and IEAH was fifth with \$2,676,700. And Mr. Iavarone's vision and Wall Street experience are translating into a new concept for horse racing. He plans to start a hedge fund, in which investors put up a minimum of \$1 million in horses owned by IEAH. He's also building a \$17 million equine center at Belmont Park. The Iavarones have two daughters, Kayla and Emily. ■

Producer, DJ, Boxer: The Entrepreneur on the Go

By Chris Gasiewski



Anthony Istrico '01

Back in June 2007, Anthony Istrico '01 was immersed in producing the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Democratic debate at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Months later he was in Baltimore, managing the media component of the Republican debate at Morgan State University, also for PBS. When he's not working as events producer and broadcast editor at Porter Novelli, a public relations

firm owned by Omnicom in Washington D.C., Mr. Istrico is in the ring, working on his amateur boxing career.

Mr. Istrico is a go-getter, a passionate entrepreneur. He turned his high school and college disc jockey hobby into a public event marketing business called Rhythm In Motion, Inc.

"I never did the club scene, just mobile events," said Mr. Istrico, who earned a bachelor's degree in political science from SJC and two master's degrees from Seton Hall University. "Entertainment is a great draw. It spans many backgrounds. For companies, I produced monthly networking events. Then I brought in charities. I realized that I could market products to these people."

While running his own company, Mr. Istrico also worked for state assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell, who represents Manhattan's upper west side. He later did research fellowships in Luxemburg, France, Germany and Belgium. These experiences, combined

with his passion for political science and public relations, led him to Porter Novelli in July 2006.

So far the presidential debates are the most prestigious events he's been involved with at Porter Novelli. He's also worked with the American Cancer Society, the International Youth Foundation and Volunteer for America. Currently, he's promoting the Chesapeake Crescent, a hotbed for business ventures that encompasses Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

At SJC, he found mentors in Dr. Kenneth Bauzon and Dr. Raymond D'Angelo, who both steered him toward political science. Mr. Istrico was highly visible at the College as president and secretary of the Undergraduate Student Association, president of Psi Phi Omega, business editor of the *Footprints* yearbook and president of the Political Affairs Society. He was also the College mascot and is currently a member of the Alumni Mentoring Program. ■

IN memoriam

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Alumni Voices

The Circuitous Road to SJC

By Michael Dragotta '01

Alumni Voices is a forum for our graduates to write about a variety of topics. We welcome your submissions of 500 words or less. Articles may be edited for space or clarity. E-mail your submissions to: magazine@sjcny.edu. Please include a telephone number where you can be reached.



"I never had any intention of going to college. Or becoming a teacher."

My path to St. Joseph's was different from most students.

I grew up in Levittown, NY, dreaming of going into the military and then becoming a New York City policeman.

I never had any intention of going to college. Or becoming a teacher.

After graduating from high school I joined the Navy and on March 3, 1992, I left for boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois.

I spent almost four years as a radioman on the aircraft carrier *USS Nimitz* out of Bremerton, Washington, and it was during this time I was told that I was smart enough to go to college.

After being honorably discharged, I drove my 1988 Honda across country to get back home to Long Island. I was 22, had \$5,000 to my name and was in for a big shock. Things had changed during the four years I was gone. My friends had gone to college, married and now had real jobs. Some had kids; some were divorced.

I was working as a busboy, living in a dark basement apartment in Bethpage. That \$5,000 went real fast. To make ends meet, I also worked as assistant manager at a Blockbuster video store. I'd taken the NYC police test and figured I'd take a few courses at Nassau Community College while waiting for the results.

One of my professors there suggested I look into teaching. One night at a college fair at Nassau, waiting at the Dowling College table, I started talking to Kim Costanza '94 from St.

Joseph's. When she asked what I wanted to do with my life I said I wanted to be a cop but was also vaguely thinking about teaching. She told me about St. Joseph's great Child Study program and suggested I tour the Patchogue Campus. I wasn't really sure where Patchogue was, but the minute I drove onto campus, I knew this was it. On the personal tour, I saw how happy everyone was.

Everyone was so nice to me that I didn't feel a bit out of place, even though I was a 25-year-old sophomore. After my first child study course I was even more hooked on college. My professors were outstanding and I'm still friends with many of my former classmates. The work was hard, but I excelled. St. Joseph's motivated me to always do 110 percent.

I graduated in January '01 and now teach first grade. I'm also an adjunct professor of children's literature at St. Joseph's College. My peers are the instructors who once taught me and helped guide me. I am grateful for many things in my life: my family, service to my country, my jobs and the education I received at St. Joseph's.

I was inducted into The Alumni Hall of Distinction on March 3, 2008, exactly 16 years to the day that I left for boot camp. The date will always stay in my mind. I thank St. Joseph's College for helping to make me the person I am today. ■

Alumni Fall Luncheon

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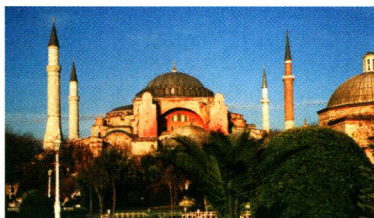
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EVENTS CALENDAR

FALL 2008

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Office of Alumni Relations
Office of Special Events
Clare Rose Playhouse

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For a complete listing of events,
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www.sjcny.edu.



SEPTEMBER

24

LAVA, Earth Moving Performance combining dance,
theater and acrobatics

12:40 p.m., Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Bklyn. Campus
Sponsored by the Bklyn. Council for the Arts

26-Oct. 12

The Owl and the Pussycat

September 26, 27; October 3, 4, 10, 11 – 8 p.m., September 28; October 5, 12 – 3 p.m.
\$15; \$12 students and senior citizens, *Clare Rose Playhouse, L.I. Campus*

27

Long Island Wine Tasting Tour

Sponsored by the L.I. Office of Alumni Relations

OCTOBER

through Oct. 3

Jacqueline Gelfuso: Paintings

Works by SJC Department of Fine Arts faculty
Board Room Gallery, L.I. Campus. *Sponsored by the L.I. Council for the Arts*

7-Nov. 21

**Documenting America: Photographs from the Farm
Security Administration, 1935-1943**

Board Room Gallery, L.I. Campus. *Sponsored by the L.I. Council for the Arts*

7

"News is a Verb"—Pete Hamill

Fifth Annual Presidential Lecture Series
12:30 p.m., Campus Community Colloquium, Bklyn. Campus
7:30 p.m., D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, L.I. Campus

8

Animal Rhythms—Presented by Treehouse Shakers

12:40 p.m., Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Bklyn. Campus
Sponsored by the Bklyn. Council for the Arts

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER



through Oct. 9 **Magical Things—Works by Meridith McNeal**

Gallery Talk, September 18, 12:40 p.m., drawing workshop directly following.
Receptions, September 20, noon–3 p.m.; September 22, 5:30 p.m.–8 p.m.
Alumni Room Gallery, Bklyn. Campus. *Sponsored by the Bklyn. Council for the Arts*

10 **Comedian and Hypnotist Tom Deluca**

Sponsored by the L.I. Office of Alumni Relations

14-Nov. 28 **Two Artists, Two Realities—Colleen Barry and Valerie Larko**

Gallery Talk, October 23, 12:40 p.m. Reception, October 18, noon–4 p.m.
Alumni Room Gallery, Bklyn. Campus. *Sponsored by the Bklyn. Council for the Arts*

17 **Oktoberfest**, See ad, page 4017 **Long Island Golden Eagle Athletic Hall of Fame**, See ad, page 4018 **Make a Difference Day—Children's Carnival**

11 a.m., L.I. Campus. *Sponsored by the L.I. Office of Alumni Relations*

19 **Breast Cancer Walk**

"Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," Prospect Park, Bklyn.
Sponsored by the Bklyn. Office of Alumni Relations

20 **Founders Day Lecture**

Dr. Margaret Jennings, Professor, St. Joseph's College Department of English
"The Personality of a Cathedral: Unique Aspects of the Great Church at Bourges"
4:30 p.m., Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Bklyn. Campus

25 **Fall Alumni Luncheon**, See ad, page 3928 **Shakespearean Jukebox—Presented by Knighthorse**

Theatre Company 12:40 p.m., Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Bklyn. Campus
Sponsored by the Bklyn. Council for the Arts

28 **Mentoring Connection Night**

6 p.m., McGann Conference Center, L.I. Campus
Sponsored by the L.I. Office of Alumni Relations

NOVEMBER

3 **Mass for Deceased Alumni**

Noon; Kennedy Chapel, Burns Hall, Bklyn. Campus
Sponsored by the Bklyn. Office of Alumni Relations



6

26th Annual Dinner Dance/Monte Carlo Night

Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury. *Sponsored by the Office of Special Events*

6

Chapel Players Fall Production

November 6 – 7 p.m.; November 8, 9 – 8 p.m., \$8 advance tickets, \$10 at door
Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Bklyn. Campus. *Sponsored by the Bklyn. Council for the Arts*

7-23

London Suite

November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 – 8 p.m., November 9, 16, 23 – 3 p.m.
\$15; \$12 students and senior citizens, *Clare Rose Playhouse, L.I. Campus*

12

Larry Yazzie—Native American Storyteller

12:40 p.m., Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Bklyn. Campus
Sponsored by the Bklyn. Office of Co-Curricular Programs

14

Psychic Intuitive Jeffrey Wands—"Open a Door to the Beyond"

See ad, page 40

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Networking Dinner—Master's Graduates

Il Torchio, Bklyn., *Sponsored by the Bklyn. Office of Alumni Relations*

20

SJC Dance Club—Alumni Night

12:40 p.m.; 7 p.m.; 6 p.m., Alumni reception, Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Bklyn. Campus
Sponsored by the Bklyn. Council for the Arts

DECEMBER

6-7

A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Musical

From the stories of A.A. Milne, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.; all tickets \$6
Clare Rose Playhouse, L.I. Campus



WHAT'S WHAT ON THE WEB

Clubs and Organizations

by Justin Hansen

Last issue's Web Spotlight focused on using the SJC calendar to find the latest campus news and events. Now let's take a look at some of the clubs and organizations responsible for these events. Obviously, clubs are made up of students with a common interest, fraternities, sororities and honor societies.

For a complete alphabetical list of these groups, go to the Current Students menu, located on the left of every site page, and choose Clubs and Organizations. Then select either the Brooklyn or Long Island campus. Each club has a description and e-mail address so you can contact leaders of the various organizations. In addition, most clubs do have their own page, which you'll find by clicking on the link in the description.

While most clubs are open to the general student population, a few do have some restrictions. Each club's page has more information on meeting dates and times, upcoming events and officer contact information. These pages are updated as information changes, so be sure to check them often.

Club pages have another advantage. You can use them to further your contacts in your area of study. The mission statements of both the Accounting and Business Club and the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) include promoting contact within their respective fields (business and nursing), allowing members to advance their knowledge outside the classroom. And besides helping yourself

with these pages, you can also help out your fellow man (or woman) by going to the St. Joseph's charitable organizations pages. Raise funds for the less fortunate with Circle K, help defeat AIDS in Africa with Keep a Child Alive and build houses with Habitat for Humanity. No matter where your interests lie, you should be able to find a group to hang with.

Let's say you've looked through this list and don't see a program that sparks your interest. Then it's time to contact the Office of Student Life to see if you can start your own group. But if you do something like that, make sure you contact me immediately, so we can post all that information on the Web site for all your prospective members to see! ■



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